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1. WE NOW HAVE TEXT OF JOINT COMMUNIQUE ISSUED AT END TOLBERT VISIT SEPT. 3. MAIN POINTS ARE: PLEDGE TO RID AFRICA OF RACISM, COLONIALISM AND IMPERIALISM; REAFFIRMATION FULL SUPPORT FOR LIBERATION STRUGGLES IN ZIMBABWE, NAMIBIA AND SOUTH AFRICA; STRONG CONDEMNATION OF SAG FOR MURDER OF DEFENSELESS CIVILIANS, MASS ARRESTS AFRICAN NATIONALISTS, AGGRESSION AGAINST ZAMBIA, CONDEMNATION OF SMITH GOVERNMENT'S VIOLATION OF BOTSWANAN AND MOZAMBIKAN SOVEREIGNTY; REAFFIRMATION OF FULL SUPPORT FOR ECOWAS, OF DEDICATION TO ATTAINMENT NEW AND MORE EQUITABLE WORLD ECONOMIC ORDER AND OF COMMITMENT TO IDEALS OF NONALIGNMENT. COMMUNIQUE ALSO HAS OBASANJO ACCEPTING TOLBERT'S INVITATION TO VISIT LIBERIA AT DATE TO BE SET LATER.

2. IN SESSION WITH PRESS AT AIRPORT ON HIS DEPARTURE SEPTEMBER 3, TOLBERT MADE STRONG STATEMENT LIBERIAN SUPPORT FOR ECOWAS. LIBERIAN PRESIDENT SLID OFF QUESTION ON WHETHER HE HAD PRESSED FMG TO BACK MONROVIA AS ECOWAS SECRETARIAT SITE, STATING THAT ALL MEMBER NATIONS WOULD DECIDE THAT QUESTION AT THE APPROPRIATE TIME.

3. INTERESTINGLY, LOCAL PRESS SEEMS TO BE COMPLETELY CONFUSED OVER WHETHER TOLBERT CONTINUES ESPOUSE NON-VIOLENT RESOLUTION SOUTH AFRICAN PROBLEMS. IN SPEECH HE GAVE SEPTEMBER 2 DINNER IN HIS HONOR (RESPONDING TO OBASANJO SPEECH, SEE REFTEL) TOLBERT HAD SAID QTE: AFRICA HAS DONE ALL WITHIN ITS POWER TO GIVE PEACEFUL APPROACH A CHANCE TO RESOLVE THE SOUTH AFRICAN QUESTION, BUT IT NOW MEANS THAT WE ARE LEFT WITH NO ALTERNATIVE BUT TO PURSUE AN INTENSIFICATION OF THE ARMED STRUGGLE. UNQTE. AT DEPARTURE PRESS SESSION, TOLBERT MADE OBLIGATORY DENUNCIATIONS OF SOUTH AFRICAN SINS BUT WIDELY DIFFERING NEWS ACCOUNTS INDICATE HE ENGAGED IN EFFECTIVELY SHIFTY WORDPLAY ON USE-OF-VIOLENCE ISSUE.

4. COMMENT. TOLBERT VISIT HAS BEEN DRESSED HERE IN PANOPLY OF CLOSE FRIENDSHIP AND COMPLETE MEETING OF MINDS BETWEEN TWO BROTHER COUNTRIES. WHILE BOTH SIDES SAW BENEFIT IN APPEARING PUBLICLY AS BEING IN ENTHUSIASTIC AGREEMENT ON SOUTH AFRICA AND ECOWAS, WOULD SEEM THEY PRIVATELY AGREED TO DISAGREE ON CERTAIN KEY TACTICAL AND MECHANICAL MATTERS. FROM TOLBERT'S DEPARTURE REMARKS, WE PRESUME HE HAD LITTLE SUCCESS IN GETTING FMG SUPPORT AT THIS TIME FOR SITING ECOWAS SECRETARIAT IN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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MONROVIA. SIMILARLY, TOLBERT'S TIGHTROPE ACT ON USE OF FORCE INDICATES FMG PROBABLY DID LITTLE TO CHANGE HIS MORESMODERATE APPROACH ON SOUTHERN AFRICA.

5. COPIES OF COMMUNIQUE TEXTS OBASANJO AND TOLBERT SPEECHES AND NEWS CLIPS BEING POUCHED AF/W AND MONROVIA. EASUM

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